

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 are allowed.

Claims 3 and 13 have been amended. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 include allowable subject matter. Claims 3 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, but would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 3 and 13 to remove the term “solid”. The Amendment is made without prejudice.

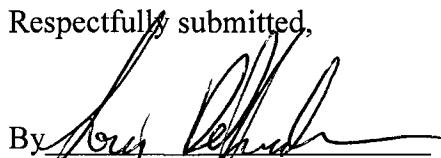
CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated July 2, 2007 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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